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## MINUTES:

of the 4<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the 88<sup>th</sup> SRC held on 4<sup>th</sup> May. Meeting held in the Professorial Board Room, Quadrangle

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### A. Meeting open at 6:23pm

#### A1. Election of Deputy Chairperson

As Chloe Smith was unable to attend so Georgia Mantle chaired the meeting

The Chair moved that Sean Tingcombe be elected Deputy Chairperson.

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

### B. Acknowledgement of Country

The University of Sydney Students' Representative Council acknowledges the traditional owners of this land (Sydney), the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. We stand on this land today as beneficiaries of an uncompensated and unreconciled dispossession that occurred over 200 years ago. Many of the descendants of those dispossessed live just down the road in abject poverty, and as young people it is important to recognise how this history of dislocation and disenfranchisement has contributed to the inequality we observe in modern society. We acknowledge both our privilege and our obligation to redress the situation as best we can: to remember the mistakes of the past, act on the problems of today, and build a future for everyone who now calls this place home, striving always for genuinely practical and meaningful reconciliation.

### C. Apologies, Proxies and Leaves of Absence

#### Apologies were received from:

Michael Sun

Liliana Tai

Jenna Schroder

Justine Landis-Hanley

Lachlan Ward

April Holcombe

Dylan Griffiths

Vinil Kumar

Eleanor Morley

Liam Garman

Alexander Shu

Alice Strauss

Chris Warren

Vanessa Song

### **Proxies**

Alexander Shu to William Edwards

Michael Sun to Evan Jones

Alice Strauss to Isabella Pytka

Motion: that the apologies and proxies be accepted.

Moved: Dylan Williams

Seconded: Isabella Brook

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

### **D. Changes to Membership**

### **E. Electoral Report**

#### **E1. Consideration of any resignations**

There were no resignations

### **F. Minutes of the previous Council meeting.**

Minutes of the 3rd regular meeting of the 88th SRC held on 6<sup>th</sup> April were circulated.

Cameron Caccamo noted that on page 2 whether was written as weather, and that Monique Newberry's proxy was not noted.

The Secretary to Council corrected the minutes to councils

Motion: that the minutes of the 3rd regular meeting of the 88th SRC held on 6<sup>th</sup> April be accepted.

Moved: William Edwards

Seconded: Ilya Klauzner

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

### **G. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business for this item.

### **H. Question Time of 15 minutes, which may be extended by resolution for a further 15 minutes.**

Mary Ward: Are the General Secretaries happy with the outcome of SSAF?

Georgia Mantle: No we asked for more, but we will still be able to keep going.

Mary Ward: Are you still considering increasing funding to NUS?

Georgia Mantle: We are still discussing and seeing where things fall, at the next council meeting there will be a budget and we will know then.

Mary Ward: Any insight into who Chloe will recommend to fill the vacancy in the senate?

Georgia Mantle: Chloe has been very ill I don't think that is a priority right now.

Oliver Plunkett: Will the Vice President be resigning, and will there be an election.

Sean Tingcombe: No, if he resigns or removed it does not affect Anna Hush-Egerton, as it is just one position split between two people so she just holds the position herself.

Georgia Mantle: It is at her discretion if she wants to run for that position with someone, if she does then she needs to

Oliver Plunkett: Why did he resign?

Sean Tingcombe: He has never shown up to a meeting.

Michael Elliott: why do you think SSAF didn't go so well?

Georgia Mantle: historically they give a different student union ago each year – last year we did really well, and I think that they gave another group that extra this year. Sadly this year it wasn't us, there is nothing else I think we could have done differently to get a better outcome.

**I. Visitor's Business**

There was no business for this item.

**J. Report of the Undergraduate Fellow of Senate**

**K. Elections**

**K1. Election of 2 members to the Inter Campus Committee**

There were no nominations.

**L. Report of the President and Executive**

**L1. Executive Minutes**

Minutes of the Executive meetings from the 18<sup>th</sup> March to the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

Cameron Caccamo: Question about the Honi postage costs to other student publications. I think it's good we are doing that, but I didn't know we were paying for it. Are they sending their publications back? If so can we see if them?

Naaman Zhou: Sure

Alex Fitton: I've noticed that April Holcombe paid \$90 to register for a liberal party conference, I would like to that April for supporting this conservative government, and let

them know it will go to A-frames in marginal electorates.

Monique Newberry: I would like to know about the Honi distribution data.

Naaman Zhou: I've been providing data to the publication managers about Honi's distribution and take-up, we've already cut circulation as a result of this, we were told it was at our discretion to do so.

Motion: that the minutes of the executive meetings from the 18<sup>th</sup> March to the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016 be accepted.

Moved: David Hogan

Seconded: William Edwards

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

## **L2. Report of the Executive**

Report of the executive from the 18 March to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016.

Dimitry Palmer: I would like to know more about the expenditure on wine by the executive Officers?

Liam Carrigan: That was from a number of events, that particular thing was for the saturation party on the Sunday, that where we go on campus and put a lot of materials up over the campus including graffiti in the graffiti tunnel, we had wine and pizza as motivation for people to get involved and attend.

Motion: that the report of the Executive and the decisions and recommendations contained therein, be accepted, signed and adopted.

Moved: Matthew Campbell

Seconded: William Edwards

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

*The President deferred the Chair to the Deputy Chairperson.*

## **L3. President's Report**

Chloe Smith was unable to give a report to council, as she had been too unwell.

## **M. Report of the Vice-Presidents**

Anna Hush-Egerton tabled a written report:

### **Collective regulations reform**

Georgia Mantle and I have been working on our campaign to change the SRC regulations surrounding collectives. The first aim of this campaign is to formalise duty statements for all Office Bearers in the regulations – currently duty statements only exist for Wom\*n's and executive roles. Having a clear duty statement for each OB will promote greater accountability for these roles, as well as providing guidance for new OBs as to what their

responsibilities are, both to the collective and to the SRC and the student body as a whole. A reminder to OBs who we have contacted – please send through your duty statements for review as soon as you can.

### **Radical Education Week**

Planning for the inaugural Radical Education Week in Semester 2 continues. Submissions for workshops are currently open at [tinyurl.com/radedweek](http://tinyurl.com/radedweek) ([https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jghH784x62hZiIJXJs68pEI2Eww2lwc0ysqn\\_En0GkY/viewform?c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jghH784x62hZiIJXJs68pEI2Eww2lwc0ysqn_En0GkY/viewform?c=0&w=1)). We encourage councillors, OBs and collective members to consider submitting a workshop or hosting an event. Workshops developed for any of the mid-year conferences can be run again at Radical Education Week. Any enquiries can be directed to [radeducationweek2016@gmail.com](mailto:radeducationweek2016@gmail.com).

Motion: that the report of the Vice President be accepted.

Moved: Michelle Picone

Seconded: Monique Newberry

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

Georgia Mantle resigned the chair to Sean Tingcombe to give her report.

### **N. Report of the General Secretaries**

Georgia Mantle and Lachlan Ward tabled a written report.

#### **Budget/SSAF**

We finally got our SSAF figures from the university, with the SRC receiving \$1,689,174 from the total SSAF allocation, and \$168,917 from the contestable pool. This represents an increase of \$41,000 as compared to last year, this number is only a little more than an inflation increase in our budget.

We have started working on the internal budget of the SRC with Chloe and Chitra. We are grateful for all departments that sent in submissions on time. We will be presenting this budget to council at the June Meeting. We welcome departments getting into contact with us if they have any query about the budget process.

#### **Digitisation of Honi Soit**

Over the past few months, the President and us have been in consultation with Fisher Library about the digitisation of Honi Soit. The library initially got into contact with us in order to inform us of the desire to preserve all previous editions of Honi and were intending to make it available on the public domain. After a long process, this has been completed with them successfully digitising all previous editions of Honi back to the 1920s. They expect to make this publically available within the year, with all editions up till 1990 being released this year. They will fully credit the SRC for the creation of these editions as well.

#### **Consults**

Georgia and Chloe are currently undergoing consults with the staff members of the SRC.

This process has been very good in helping us to understand how we the executive can better support our staff and assist them in their roles.

The executive will be organising mid year consults for Office Bearers as well. We will provide more information about this in coming weeks.

Georgia Mantle: Thanks to the department who sent in funding requests. Note staff consults, we still have 4 to go. In the coming weeks we will be organising consults for office bearers.

Alex Fitton: Will councillors be provided the written budget before next meeting?

Georgia Mantle: We will try to get it out with the council notice for next council.

Dylan Williams: Will I ever get the breakfast bar?

Georgia Mantle: I would love to make a lot of things to happen, the budget is pretty tight and while these are great ideas, and I encourage you to continue to propose them, we need to be aware we just don't have the funding for everything.

Dylan Williams: Do you think the USU and the SRC should amalgamate?

Georgia Mantle: I think a joint system and a joint model is not in the best interest of the organisation, we work closely with them and I hope that continues.

David Hogan: If the SSAF is scrapped is there a contingency plan

Georgia Mantle: No we have enough money to pay our staff, other than that it's hard to say.

Jaden Harris: How many week of working capital do we have?

Dylan Williams: If SAFF is scrapped will we have to amalgamate with the SRC.

Georgia Mantle: It's hard to say what would happen but I think that it's very speculative and as far as I'm aware

Liam Carrigan: to explain the concerns with SSAF funding– the university will probably continue to have a base line of funding for the SRC as they used too before SSAF.

David Hogan: if the budget on track for surplus?

Georgia Mantle: No. At the end of the day we are a not for profit.

Motion: that the report of the General Secretaries be accepted.

Moved: David Hogan

Seconded: William Edwards

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

**Procedural** to move straight to the motions on notices:

moved: Cameron Caccamo

Seconded: Michael Elliott

the procedural was put and **CARRIED**

## **Q. Motions of Notice**

### **Q1. Changes to the regulations Part 8 section 4 (a) as proposed in the Electoral Officer Report**

Current Regulations:

(a) For the purposes of Part Eight of these Regulations, 'one SRC noticeboard' shall also include one appropriate student noticeboard at each of the following campuses:

- (i) Faculty of Nursing
- (ii) Sydney College of the Arts
- (iii) Conservatorium of Music
- (iv) Cumberland College of Health Sciences
- (v) Koori Centre

(b) The Electoral Officer shall publish a Notice of Elections which shall be printed in Honi Soit, and displayed on at least one SRC noticeboard. The Notice of Elections shall be published at least seven (7) working days before close of nominations in the case of the Annual Elections and at least five (5) working days before close of nominations in the case of any By-Election.

Proposed changes:

a) For the purposes of Part Eight of these Regulations, ' SRC website' shall also include where possible that the notice be placed on the University of Sydney's Official Websites and emailed to the entire undergraduate student body.

(b) The Electoral Officer shall publish a Notice of Elections which shall be printed in Honi Soit, and displayed on the SRC website. The Notice of Elections shall be published at least seven (7) working days before close of nominations in the case of the Annual Elections and at least five (5) working days before close of nominations in the case of any By-Election.

**Moved:** David Hogan

**Seconded:** Oliver Plunkett

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

Jaden Harris and Monique Newberry moved that the rest of the mentions of the SRC notice boards in Part 8 of the regulations should be removed to prevent confusion and replaced with the SRC front

wall, or SRC website where appropriate, to be voted on and decided at the next council at the next council.

**Q2. Changes to the regulations Part 8 section 5 as proposed in the Electoral Officer Report**

Current regulations:

- (a) The nominations of all candidates shall be signed by members of the student body. A candidate for the position of President shall be nominated by ten students who are members of the student body.
- (b) All candidates must have paid any required affiliation or nomination fee to council by at least two (2) working days after the close of nominations, as specified in the notice of elections.
- (c) The Electoral Officer may reject any nomination which has not been received by the date and time specified by the notice of election, or which does not comply with the regulations.
- (d) If the nomination has been received on time, but does not comply with the regulations in terms of part 8 section 5 (b), the returning officer shall at once notify the affected party of the relevant issue.
- (e) If the nomination does not comply with regulations Part 8 section 5 (b), the affected party shall have up to 2 working days after the notification from the returning officer to rectify the issue.
- (f) All nominations and policy statements must be typewritten or written legibly preferably in block letters.

Proposed changes:

- (a) **The lodged hard copy nomination of all candidates shall be an original document signed by members of the student body.** A candidate for the position of President shall be nominated by ten students who are members of the student body.
- (b) All candidates must have paid any required affiliation or nomination fee to council by at least two (2) working days after the close of nominations, as specified in the notice of elections.
- (c) The Electoral Officer may reject any nomination which has not been received by the date and time specified by the notice of election, or which does not comply with the regulations.
- (d) **If the nomination complies and meets the form of a valid nomination and has been received on time but requires minor correction of information the returning officer shall at once notify the affected party of the relevant issue.**
- (e) If the nomination does not comply with regulations Part 8 section 5 (b), the affected party shall have up to 2 working days after the notification from the returning officer to rectify the issue.
- (f) **As well as the original signed hard copy all nominations and policy statements must also be lodged online before the close of nomination time.**



Oliver Plunkett and Dylan Williams moved a foreshadowing motion.  
(the foreshadowing motion was not provided to the Secretary of council).

As the foreshadowing motion would amend the regulations it will be able to be voted on until council is given two weeks notice of it's content.

Cameron Caccamo: This is precedent for what Pauline has done in the past and clarifying what is expected.

Dylan Williams: I think the foreshadowing motion is good I think we should amalgamate with the USU.

Monique Newberry: I think it not very hard to get the forms signed and they should be originals.

Dylan Williams: I think this is out dated.

Dimity Palmer: I think paper is out dated, I think it is quite hard to deal with getting signatures from everyone at the same time and that the issue of fraudulent tickets is not an issue at all.

Jaden Harris: Is there a reason why the Electoral Legal Arbiter rules digital signatures invalid?

Dimity Palmer: legal arbiter should allow digital signature if the regulations allows them.

**Motion:** That this motion, and all foreshadowing motions be held over till the next council meeting

**Moved:** Cameron Caccamo

**Seconded:** Isabella

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

**Moved:** David Hogan

**Seconded:** Cameron Caccamo

Motion was held over till next council meeting

### **Q3. Changes to the regulations Part 8 section 6 as proposed in the Electoral Officer Report**

Current Regulations:

- (a) As soon as possible after nominations have closed, the Electoral Officer shall cause to be displayed on at least one SRC noticeboard a list of candidates and their nominators, and a statement of any further checking to be undertaken.
- (b) A valid nomination may be withdrawn in writing by the candidate up to 48 hours after display of the list of candidates.

Proposed changes:

- (a) As soon as possible after nominations have closed, the Electoral Officer shall cause to be displayed on the front wall of the SRC offices a list of candidates their teams and nominators and a statement of any checking needed.

And the addition of

- (c) the name of any group shall not exceed thirty characters.

Cameron Caccamo: I would like to move to strike the addition of (c) as it is in the wrong location as noted by the Standing Legal Committee and should in fact be put as an amendment to Part 8 section 7 (c) which currently read as thirty letters rather than characters as this motion would like to change it to but it's current location would lead to conflicting evidence.

The amendment to remove "(c) the name of any group shall not exceed thirty characters" was amenable to the movers

**Moved:** Oliver Plunkett

**Seconded:** Michael Elliot

Motion was held over till next council meeting

#### **Q4. Changes to the regulations Part 8 section 3 (a) as proposed in the Electoral Officer Report**

Current regulations:

- (a) Shall be appointed by the Council at least forty (40) days before the close of voting in the case of the Annual Elections and at least twenty (20) days in the case of By-Elections.

Proposed changes

- (a) Shall be appointed by the Council at least **fifty (50)** days before the close of voting in the case of the Annual Elections and at least twenty (20) days in the case of By-Elections.

**Moved:** Oliver Plunkett

**Seconded:** Michael Elliott

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

#### **Q5. Changes to the regulations Part 8 section 3 (b) as proposed in the Electoral Officer Report**

Current regulations:

- (b) Shall not necessarily be employed by the Council, but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the pursuit of the duties of the position of the Electoral Officer provided that these have been carried out with due diligence.

Proposed changes:

(b) Shall not necessarily be employed by the Council, but shall be paid a stipend at a rate commensurate with the work undertaken and the award rate paid to the poll clerks provided that these have been carried out with due diligence.

Oliver Plunkett: Lets pay our workers properly we are a union.

Michael Elliot: Paulene has been our electoral officer every year, being paid a pittance for what she does and we are a union and we should pay our workers properly.

Dylan Williams: You deserve proper pay for what you do. We are a student union.

Isabella Brook: like we've already discussed how the SRC is not as financially well off is this possible?

Georgia Mantle: No we don't have the money for that.

Isabella Brook: Is [the poll clerks] \$36 an hour?

Cameron Caccamo: I think [the Electoral Officer] should be paid more. The problem I have with this motion it how it is phrased.

There is a problem with the regulations, according [to Part 2 section 7(e)] the executive sets a stipend. Also [the Electoral Officer] is not a member of staff, and that this would blur that line. Without even discussing the hours involved, we are resigning ourselves to not knowing the cost. If we are going to have a serious discussion about paying [the Electoral Officer] more, I think this regulation is problematic, but [the Electoral Officer] should be paid more.

Georgia Mantle resigned the chair to Sean Tingcombe to speak.

Georgia Mantle: We don't have the money, as the SSAF has come in, we know that we are locked into workers contracts for casework and legal, and money like this can only come from departments budgets. The regulations don't say that the stipend can't increase so this motion doesn't need to be phrased this way for use to increase the rate of pay.

Georgia Mantle resumed the chair.

Matthew Campbell: I think that [The Electoral Officer's] pay should be increased as she does the same work as Polling Clerks.

Dylan Williams: the USU can afford to hire an electoral officer, we are discussing if the Fair Work award and we should pay them what Fair Work says is fair.

Secretary to Council informed the council that the Polling Booth Attendants are paid at a rate set in the SRC's EBA, it is not set from Fair Works award.

Georgia Mantle: I asked the USU about how they run their elections and they

Sean Tingcombe: This is a very work choice like system, how we pay our Polling Clerks

versus our Electoral Officer.

Oliver Plunkett: I think there is a disturbing trend to not pay people in student unions, I think we should pay people properly, we should support this and set the precedent.

Jaden Harris: I totally agree that [the Electoral Officer] should be paid more but I think that there are quite a few issues with this motion. The reason she is paid a stipend and not covered by the EBA is so she is not a staff member, this motion could potentially change where she stands in relation to employees of the SRC.

**Moved:** Oliver Plunkett

**Seconded:** Dylan Williams

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

**Procedural** to move to section O. Reports of Committees and Officers

**Moved:** Michael Elliott

**Seconded:** Dylan Williams

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

## **O. Report of Committees and Officers**

### **O1. Report of the Education Officers**

Liam Carrigan and Dylan Griffiths tabled a written report.

The April 13<sup>th</sup> NDA was bigger than expected especially in consideration to the building effort put in. The size was comparable to the restructure rally earlier in the year. We would like to thank the Greens on campus for running a BBQ on the day. Having a EAG stall during the event was also useful to get out materials on the restructure, the Counter Course etc. The education officers were part of the building effort with EAG stalls, poster, and morning and afternoon leafleting at Redfern.

In preparation for the post budget NDA we have had multiple stall on Eastern avenue, and have conducted multiple morning leaflets. Banner drops near Sci-tech accompanied by early morning leafleting have been particularly successful. We will hopefully do a few more before the next NDA.

The Education officers have been in contact with the local, state and national branches of the NTEU to ensure endorsement that includes Facebook sharing, emailing staff, and protection for students who decide on attending the rally instead of class.

We have a number developed new material including a fact sheet on the restructure (as outlined in the strategic plan), lecture slides for the NDA, and Liam wrote a script for the UTS Education Officer's NDA film.

We have held regular EAG meetings which continued to be filled with robust debate, and

also have held two working bees, one to paint banner and another to prepare for today's speak out against the budget making tombstones and roses to symbolise the death of education.

Hopefully the speak out will be successful in helping build the May 11 NDA and will help notify students about the changes made in the budget and that there are organised students involved in a fight back.

The SRC continues to agitate for a grassroots campaign against the closure of SCA at Rozelle. The student society, SCASS, has taken the reins here and have taken up our recommendation of briefing current students about the changes in a meeting today, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully this meeting can decide on where to go next in terms of the campaign. In this case the Education Department will continue to advocate for a protest campaign.

The Education Officers have involved themselves in organising EdCon which is being hosted by the SRC. Dylan has created a Google form to collect workshop proposals, this has been distributed via social media. The organising committee has met once and will hopefully meet again soon.

Liam Carrigan: Vice chancellor was a d\*\*k and said they can't fund the reconstruction without deregulation.

Motion: that the report of the Education Officers be accepted.

Motion: Matthew Campbell

Seconded: Justine Landis-Hanley

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

## **O2. Report of the Wom\*n's Officers**

Anna Hush-Egerton and Vanessa Song tabled a written report.

### **Sexual harassment campaign**

In the wake of the university's secretive screening of The Hunting Ground, the Wom\*n's Collective has been discussing sexual harassment and assault on campus and considering ways to put pressure on university management to take action. I have put forward a motion tonight on behalf of the Wom\*n's Collective condemning university management for their lack of action on this issue, and will be raising the issue at Student Consultative Committee later in May. After the misogynistic chant that was caught on tape at UNSW, there was a lot of media pressure around this issue and hopefully this shed some light on the situation at USyd too.

We are also organising an upcoming workshop run by Mentors in Violence Prevention around the issue of gendered and domestic violence. This workshop will be hosted by the Wom\*n's Collective and open to any wom\*n on campus: look out on our Facebook page if you'd like to attend.

### **Wom\*n's Honi**

An editorial team from the Wom\*n's Collective and Wom\*n of Colour Collective is hard at work editing submissions for Wom\*n's Honi, which will be published in Week 11. If you meet the autonomy requirements and would like to submit a piece, please send it to [usydwomenscollective@gmail.com](mailto:usydwomenscollective@gmail.com) by 9 May.

### **Supporting women academics campaign**

Lily Matchett (Enviro Officer) and I met with Marian Baird, a Professor in the business school and the director of the Women&Work Research Group. She pointed out a number of aspects of the academic promotion policy that are biased against women and people who take time off work to care for children, including the research output metric and the ongoing service requirements. We are preparing a report for the Equity and Diversity Working Group, commissioned by the chair of Academic Board, Tony Masters, on changes that could be made to the promotions policy to make it fairer to women academics. If you would like to have input into this submission or know academics that have been unfairly discriminated against, please get in touch with Lily or myself.

Anna Hush-Egerton

The women of colour collective is currently trying to create a constitution and set of regulations in order to allow OBs and members to clearly navigate the collective.

Our fortnightly meeting times have not been attracting very many collective members and so the collective is looking at amending the current fortnightly meeting time of Mondays 4-5pm to another time as dictated by a majority within the collective.

The women of colour collective hopes to run a race and sensitivity workshop in conjunction with other collectives before the end of semester.

We will hopefully begin to engage more women of colour on campus after establishing a constitution and regulations. If any collectives are interested in facilitating this process please contact me via [usydwomenofcolourcollective@gmail.com](mailto:usydwomenofcolourcollective@gmail.com)

Vanessa Song

Motion: that the report of the Wom\*n's Officers be accepted.

Motion: Michelle Picone

Seconded: Isabella Brook

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

### **O3. Report of the Welfare Officers**

Isabella Brook, Dylan Williams and Matthew Campbell have a verbal report.

Dylan Williams: It's been pretty exciting; we've been really active lately. We have had the welfare day and we gave away doughnuts and spoke to people about the restructure. As it an elections year we are planning to do a resister to vote stall, and we are continuing to keep the department active.

Isabella Brook: Dylan [Williams] is great.

Matthew Campbell: Dylan [Williams] is all right, we sent off our request it was really well divided, I think we are working well together. Would like to give them a welfare rate and rolling out music festivals hand out some leaflets for the need for pill testing, and I think that is a really good thing and it can save lives, because of the dodgy quality of some of the drugs that are purchased.

Monique Newberry: I want to ask a question about the enrol to vote, I want to make sure its not about voting a certain way.

Isabella Brook: The information is just facts, they do say put the liberals last, but they are mostly just about getting many people to enrol, as many don't know they are not enrolled.

Sean Tingcombe: Macquarie University opened their breakfast bar this year, how do they pay for it?

Dylan Williams: It's already been defunded, it was funded the university.

Sean Tingcombe: Could the USU fund you?

Dylan Williams: They are interested but it takes a lot of money and infrastructure.

William Edwards: The Vice President of the USU told me that they are opening a breakfast bar.

Dylan Williams: That's good, but a shame we can't help them.

Jaden Harris: I'm wondering when you are going to run it? If an election is called this weekend you will have 1 week to enrol and update your information.

Oliver Plunkett: You should have the enrolment forms with you.

Dylan Williams: We are going to have iPad's to help people sign up with.

Motion: that the report of the Welfare Officers be accepted.

Motion: Michael Elliott

Seconded: William Edwards

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

**Procedural** to move to Q8.

**Moved:** Michelle Picone

**Seconded:** Isabella Brook

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

## **Q8. Condemning the University's failure to address the issue of sexual assault on campus**

### **Preamble**

Sexual assault and harassment are serious problems on all university campuses around Australia. The national 'Talk About It' survey carried out by NUS last year revealed that 67% of women students at university have had an unwanted sexual experience. However, 94% of those students did not report their experience to their university. This is indicative of a culture in which women and non-binary students do not feel safe coming forward with their experiences, and do not expect their reports to be taken seriously. The University of Sydney's own 'Creating a Safer Community for All' survey last year found that 41% of students who reported sexual assault and harassment felt that the procedures 'did not help at all'. The climate at the University of Sydney is clearly not one that supports and respects survivors of sexual assault and harassment.

Despite their clear awareness of the problem, the University of Sydney senior management has consistently failed to take action to address sexual harassment and assault on campus. Of a list of actions that Jordi Austin, Director of Student Support Services, signed onto in 2014, only one has come to fruition - the university-wide survey - but the data has not yet been made available to students.

In Week 5, a screening of The Hunting Ground, a documentary about sexual assault on college campuses in the US, was organised by Professor Tyrone Carlin, DVC (Registrar). Despite the repeated requests of the Wom\*n's Officers to be involved in the organisation of the screening, we were not consulted at any point in the process or even informed that the screening was taking place. The University did not advertise the screening anywhere and not a single member of university staff attended. The screening, payed for by philanthropic funds dedicated to creating a dialogue between staff and students, played to an empty Manning Bar. This was extremely disappointing and characteristic of the University's half hearted approach to addressing sexual assault on campus.

The SRC Wom\*n's Officers, Sexual Harassment Officers and President, as well as the USU Wom\*n's Portfolio holder, sent a formal complaint to Professor Carlin about this screening, but we are yet to receive an acknowledgement of our complaints. The University is actively stifling discussion about the problem of sexual assault on campus and excluding student representatives from the conversation. We will continue to demand a safer campus for women and non-binary students until the University implements real action to dismantle the rape culture that pervades our campus.



## **Platform**

The SRC supports the work of the Wom\*n's Collective and Sexual Harassment Officers in campaigning for action on sexual assault.

## **Action points**

1. The SRC condemns the failure of the University to consult student representatives and facilitate an open discussion about the issue of sexual assault.
2. The SRC condemns university management's lack of action on this issue, and demands that the recommended actions proposed in 2014 be implemented immediately.

Georgia Mantle vacated the chair to Sean Tingcombe.

Georgia Mantle: As Anna Hush-Egerton and Chloe Smith are not here, I was involved in this and can answer any questions.

Michelle Picone: Yeah I would just like to commend this motion and the great work that has been done. It is a really big problem, I know a few people who are of incidents that have happened this year and the women are uncomfortable with the reporting system, it's the same system as for any other academic complaint and asks you to go resolve the issue with the other party themselves, this is just not appropriate for dealing with these situations.

Georgia Mantle: We are also taking this to SCC and to Tyrone Carlin (Deputy Vice Chancellor – Registrar) directly.

**Moved:** Anna Hush

**Seconded:** Chloe Smith

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

## **Q8. Supporting Radical Education Week 2016**

### **Preamble**

1. Mainstream education, especially as found in the Western world, is deeply rooted in sexism, colonial structures, racism and class-based power structures that work to oppress marginalised groups and individuals. To counter this we must acknowledge the current neoliberal climate of education and be working to counter this.
2. Radical Education Week is a new and innovative event being planned by members of the SRC (including the Vice President, Wom\*n's Officers, the Education Officers, the Indigenous Officer, Lily Matchett as Environment Officer, the Queer Officers and Ethnocultural Officers) for Week 5, Semester 2.
3. In this event we hope to promote collaboration between collectives while also sharing the knowledge and skills developed in collectives with the broader student body.
4. In the development of this event the organising collective have drawn inspiration from events held on campus such as Radical Sex and Consent Week. Rad Education week will

take a similar form with marquees on Eastern Avenue hosting workshops, panel discussions, talks and skillshares .

5. As well as drawing upon the skills and experience of collectives on campus, it will reach out to individuals and groups for other universities and the community more broadly. The event will welcome proposals for events and workshops from all these groups.
6. This week will be run under the brand of the SRC and will be a unique opportunity to promote the work of activists within SRC collective to the broader community.

#### Platform

1. The SRC supports the work of activists and office bearers in the organisation and implementation of Radical Education Week 2016

#### Action

1. The SRC will support Radical Education Week 2016 through the contribution of materials such as loudspeakers, shared resources and advertising through the SRC Facebook page, website and Honi Soit.
2. The SRC will support Radical Education Week 2016 through the contribution of financial support, both from Collective Budgets and Central SRC funding.

Georgia Mantle: It's a great idea for promoting collectives and departments and services, a lot of work has already been done. We've also been working with the USU on this, I think this could be a really good event it encourages the SRC to report the event.

Liam Carrigan: This is a really great idea and this is a really good way to show what the SRC does and the support services that are available. Please submit a workshop, we are talking to activists from Burma who are keen to get involved and come down, I think this is a really good way of showing what the SRC does.

**Moved:** Anna Hush

**Seconded:** Georgia Mantle

A quorum count was called.

The meeting was found inquorate.

*The meeting lapsed at 7:45*